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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MCAP, NATO, UR, PARM

SUBJECT: MBFR/CSCE: SOVIET VIEWS

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SOVIET EMBASSY  
POLITICAL COUNSELLOR VOICED SOVIET CONCERN OVER ACTIVE  
DIALOGUE REGARDING EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION.  
SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID MOSCOW CONCERNED THAT DEVELOPMENTS  
COULD MOVE IN DIRECTION OF A EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY,  
LONG-STANDING RUSSIAN BETE NOIRE.  
SOVIET REP REGISTERED CONCERN THAT SUCH CURRENT  
EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY RECENT COMMENTS OF  
JOBERT IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND AT WEU, POINTED TO  
RELATIVELY DECLINING U.S. INFLUENCE IN ALLIED DEFENSE  
AFFAIRS. SOVIET SOURCE SAID THIS WOULD BE A SOURCE

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OF CONCERN TO MOSCOW.

2. IN THIS PERSPECTIVE, SOVIET REP SAID MOSCOW WAS MOST SUSPICIOUS THAT SECOND PHASE OF MBFR WILL NEVER COME, THUS LIMITING MBFR CUTS TO U.S./SOVIET FORCES WHILE EUROPEANS CONTINUE MOVE TOWARD DEFENSE COMMUNITY. FOR THIS REASON, SOVIET PRESSED EMBOFF HARD CONCERNING WESTERN READINESS TO ACCEPT TIGHT LINKAGE BETWEEN TWO MBFR PHASES.

3. EMBOFF SAID MBFR II IMPORTANT TO WEST AS COMMON CEILING COULD ONLY BE REACHED IN TWO PHASES. EMBOFF ALSO NOTED THAT ALLIED FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL CALLED FOR AGREEMENT IN MBFR I TO ENTER INTO MBFR II NEGOTIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF COMMON CEILING APPROACH, EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT MBFR, LIKE NEGOTIATIONS OVER U.S./SOVIET BILATERAL RELATIONS, AIMED AT IMPROVEMENT AND STRENGTHENING RATHER THAN MERELY MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT RELATIONS. EMBOFF USED USUAL ARGUMENTS IN REBUTTING SOVIET WISH TO INCLUDE ALLIED "WEAPON SYSTEMS" AS WELL AS FORCES

4. ON CSCE, SOVIET REP SAID MOSCOW DISTRESSED WITH FRENCH PROPOSAL ON PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND RENUNCIATION OF FORCE.

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